

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 651

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Louise Robinson Bonds on the celebration of her ninety-fourth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Louise Robinson Bonds celebrated her ninety-fourth birthday on February 5, 2012, a milestone commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Lucile Davidson Robinson and George Bobbitt Robinson, Louise Bonds was born and raised in Dyer, where she attended the local schools and graduated from Dyer High School in 1936; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bonds attended Belmont University in Jackson, Mississippi, and Union University in Tennessee, where she was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority; and

WHEREAS, a talented musician from an early age, she often accompanied her grandfather, Luther Leroy Robinson, who started a town band, in which all of his sons played; while her mother played piano, Louise was the organist for the Dyer Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where she played organ for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, sharing her gift with the community, Mrs. Bonds taught three generations of musicians in her hometown, taught second and third grade throughout the 1950s, and continued to teach piano lessons well into her eighties; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her love of music, she is an avid genealogist, diligently mapping out both sides of her family and determining that they were all early settlers of Gibson County and that she is indirectly related to the City of Dyer's founder, Mr. B. F. Bobbitt; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with her genealogical interests, Louise Bonds and her brother, Bobby Robinson, managed to reclaim the historical area outside of Dyer, known as

Bobbitt Cemetery, the original site of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the burial site of three generations of Bobbitts, two generations of Orrs, two generations of Davidsons, and one generation of Robinsons; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, she was joined in marriage with John Wilfred Bonds, with whom she enjoyed forty-eight happy years before his death in 1990, and the couple's blessed union produced twin sons, John and George, and one daughter, Lucy; and

WHEREAS, as Mrs. Bonds approaches her ninety-fourth year, she is still an active and productive member of society, maintaining her love of music and blessing her children, grandchildren, and many friends with her laughter, grace, and southern charm; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Louise Robinson Bonds on the celebration of her ninety-fourth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.